

Source Water Protection Strategy Update
N.H. Department of Environmental Services

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List of Issues to be Considered

Groundwater Commission's Issue #5: Protecting Groundwater Quality to Ensure Availability

- Protection of private well users
- Land use near wells
- Assistance to municipalities
- Protection of aquifers/future well sites

Contaminants and Potential contamination sources

- How to manage: siting restrictions vs. BMPs
- Chloride
- Gas stations
- Other sources of fuel spills/leaks
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Septic systems
- Sanitary protective radius (SPR) deficiencies
- Stormwater

Surface sources

- Water quality standards
- Anti-degradation and "outstanding resource waters"
- Enforcement of DES water supply watershed rules
- Need to better protect buffers
- Stormwater

Reforming current programs

- Water Supply Land Conservation Grant Program
 - Ranking criteria for grant applications
 - Eligible lands
- Groundwater Reclassification process

Water conservation

Outreach and education

- Improve on the current model
- Employ social marketing